

HAPPENINGS IN THE OLD YEAR OF '53

JANUARY

Terra Bella Irrigation district called in all outstanding bonds.

Rodgers L. Moore of Porterville was reelected chairman of the Tulare county board of supervisors . . . John Guthrie was elected vice president of the American National Cattlemen's association; Mrs. John Guthrie was elected first vice president of the National Cowbelles association.

J. Earl Coke, director of the California Agricultural Extension service, was named assistant secretary of agriculture . . . Dwight D. Eisenhower took office as president of the United States.

FEBRUARY

Nick Della became associated as a partner in the Marks Tractor and Truck company of Porterville.

New Porterville library building was officially opened . . . Proposed California Youth Authority camp above Springville was turned down following public meetings . . . Truck crops were damaged by 26-degree weather . . . Fire destroyed the B-J Farm service mill in Porterville.

MARCH

Tulare County Cowbelles presented a meat-cooking demonstration before "packed house" in Porterville's Monache Theatre . . . Shipment of Valencia oranges started . . . James K. Kendrick of Berkeley was named chief of police in Porterville . . . Cyril Faure, Barney Richardson, Vince McHenry, Ted Cornell and Bill Harris were elected to Porterville Memorial district board . . . Construction was started on a half-million dollar cold storage plant at Elmco by Elmco Vineyards, Inc.

APRIL

Finance committee of the Terra Bella Presbyterian church completed a campaign to raise funds for a new church building . . . The Rev. Charles M. Brandon was named "man of the year" by the Porterville chamber of commerce.

Tom Martinez was elected president of the Tulare County Cattlemen's association . . . John Oltmanns was named postmaster at Terra Bella . . . Fifty new homes were started by Taylor and Wheeler in the Baker subdivision east of Leggett drive . . . Mac Williams was elected president of the Porterville junior chamber of commerce . . . Springville's annual rodeo played to a capacity crowd. . . . Oscar Hemphill, Tulare county agricultural commissioner, reported that county agriculture in 1952 hit a record high valuation of \$252,727,816 . . . Joe Elliott was named manager of the Porterville chamber of commerce . . . John Keck was elected president of the Southern Tulare County Sportsmen's association.

MAY

D. R. Lightner, retiring principal of Strathmore high school, was honored by football players he had coached in the past . . . Governor Earl Warren dedicated the new state hospital east of Porterville . . . Bud Wiley was named a director of the Terra Bella Irrigation district to replace Clarence Bradford, who resigned after serving many years . . . Janet Hammond was elected president of Porterville's Canterbelles . . . Ray Longley and Herman Matzke were elected to Porterville high school and college board . . . Dean McComber was named chairman of the Springville Farm Bureau center . . . Joe Earley, Lindsay, was elected chairman of the Tulare County Farm Bureau . . . Porterville's fair draws record crowds.

JUNE

Ethel Bisgaard replaced Ernest Ridgway as Porterville city treasurer . . . County Superintendent of Schools J. Post Williams found "lacking in requisite abilities" by county grand jury . . . First patients were admitted to Porterville.

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"AGRICULTURE MUST HAVE SUPPORT"

"No matter what our personal opinion is, agriculture must and will have price support under our economy as it is at present," Jamie Robertson, former Farm Bureau Regional Field secretary, told Porterville Rotarians, Tuesday.

Mr. Robertson, who now manages the Paloma Citrus Fruit association in Visalia, said that it is up to congress to design a farm program under which "we do not build surpluses but do maintain production."

He said the three greatest problems facing agriculture now are the balancing of production; the recapture of foreign markets and non-partisan approach to farm issues.

The National Farm Bureau Federation and the American Grange both oppose a mandatory 90 per cent parity, but favor flexible parity, with exception that the Farm Bureau believes the 90 per cent parity should be maintained for one year after a crop goes under acreage control in order to give farmers a chance to adjust.

In answering the question of "Why a support program for farmers at all?" Mr. Robertson said

that land must be made to produce, that tax load nowadays will not allow land to stand idle; that labor has a guaranteed wage;

that social security, unemployment insurance and other security programs are not available to

farmers; that railroads, steamship lines, aviation have and are

being subsidized by the government; that business has its "supports" in the form of fair trade

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Memorial Funds, Invested In Bonds, May Bring District Nearly \$6,000

Investment of Porterville Memorial district funds in United States Treasury bonds will bring the district nearly \$6,000 in interest if the bonds are allowed to mature, according to figures presented by District Secretary Ted Cornell, who states that the bonds have been purchased and are now in the hands of the treasurer of Tulare county.

A total of \$200,000 has been put into bonds bearing two per cent, and due December 15, 1954. Cost of the bonds was \$200,764.42, with the district to get \$2,000 in interest on next June 15 and on next December 15.

A total of \$100,000 was placed in bonds bearing two and one-quarter per cent interest with a maturity date of June 15, 1955. These bonds were purchased for \$100,637.02, with the district to receive \$1,125 in interest on next June 15 and the same amounts on December 15, 1954, and on June 15, 1955.

Considering the cost of the bonds and the amount of interest, the district will show a gain of \$5,973.56, if the bonds are allowed to mature. Whether or not the bonds are held until maturity depends upon whether or not the invested money is needed prior to the maturity date for construction of a memorial auditorium in Porterville.

No decision has been reached as yet concerning the payment of interest to the Memorial district on funds that have been on deposit with the county since formation of the district.

Next meeting of the district board will be held Monday evening, 8:00 o'clock, at the Porter-



"THE OLD order changeth" and progress has its way. Shown above is one of Porterville's oldest houses in the process of being demolished. This house was built, opposite the present location of Porterville high school about 1865 and was later moved to Putnam avenue and Villa, where it has been the home of Mamie Wilcox Putnam for many years. The house was originally built by Judge George Williamson, grandfather of Constable Dan Williamson.

(Farm Tribune photo)

RESIDENCE BUILT IN 1865 IS TORN DOWN TO MAKE WAY FOR MODERN HOME AT PUTNAM AND VILLA

By Lawrence Elam

One of the oldest residences in Porterville, after weathering 88 years of wind and weather "without a coat of paint," is no more. The house, located at Villa and Putnam avenues for the past 47 years, was the residence of Mrs. Mamie Wilcox Putnam.

Many of the original pine timbers of the old house have been pronounced sounder than a lot of present day lumber, and they're being used to provide the framework of a new residence for the 84-year-old Mrs. Putnam.

The new home is being built adjacent to the site of the old one by Marvin and Emory Putnam, sons of Mrs. Putnam, whose husband Jim, was a nephew of Royal Porter Putnam, Porterville's founder.

The little frame house had seen a lot of Porterville history before it was moved to the site at Putnam and Villa, however.

It was built by Judge George Williamson in about 1865, according to Constable Dan Williamson, grandson of the Judge.

"My grandfather, who was a judge here for 20 years, built it where the R. J. Ekman home now stands (740 W. Olive, across the street from the present Porterville high school) and lived there for 25 years," Mr. Williamson said.

This brings us up to about 1890, when Judge Williamson sold the house and 160 acres of property to the father of Louie Sinarle.

"My father sold the house and about an acre of land to Tom King about 1904 or '05," Mr. Sinarle recalled.

Mr. King, the father of Mrs. Calvin Terwilliger of Porterville, sold it to Jim Putnam in 1906.

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March Of Dimes Campaign Starts January First

Along the Avenue

Quest for a city clerk-assessor-tax collector is still underway, although city councilmen recently picked a top man among several applicants. Man in question, after being personally interviewed by Mayor Les Hamilton, declined to accept the job . . . An important announcement concerning the Porterville city council may be coming up in the near future . . . Joseph Lawrence Tatum has been arrested in Fresno in connection with weekend robbery of the Stebbins Distributing company office at Grevilla and Cypress; \$213 was taken in a professional safe-cracking job . . . A number of thefts from parked cars are being reported to city police; best solution, lock your car . . . County

Health Officer Dr. Erwin P. Brauner states that the Porterville area may be "over the hump" in regard to the recent high incident of polio cases . . . Austin R. Cline, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Ross Cline, has been commissioned a second lieutenant in the Marines . . . Fifteen wetbacks were picked up over the weekend for deportation to Mexico . . . Highly favorable comment has been received as a result of city police policy to hand out Christmas greeting cards rather than parking tickets during the Christmas shopping season, but it's the regular tickets

from now on.

On the national scale, it is estimated that the fight against polio will demand expenditure of some \$26,500,000. Five hundred volunteer workers will be in the field throughout Tulare county.

Strathmore Garden club members will be in charge of table decorations for the banquet; 4-H Club girls will serve; Jim Wilson will be in charge of the program and George Cole will be in charge of preparation for a turkey dinner.

Other committee heads who have

REWARDS GIVEN BY CATTLEMEN

Three Tulare county men this week received a total of \$1,000 for providing information that led to the arrest and conviction of cattle thieves.

E. P. Becas, Visalia game warden, received \$500 for providing the necessary information in connection with cattle rustling on the Ralph Gill ranch, and Cliff Moore and Fred Moore, also of Visalia, received \$250 each for supplying information in connection with cattle thefts on the Dry Creek ranch of John Dudley, between Woodlake and Badger.

The rewards were paid by the California Cattlemen's association which has a standing reward offer of \$500 for information leading to the arrest and conviction, on a felony count, of anyone stealing cattle from a member of the association.

Investigation Of Packing House Elections Asked

A request that the National Labor Relations Board investigate alleged union interference in recent elections held at Sunland Packing company and the Porterville Citrus association, in the Porterville area and the LoBue Brothers house at Lindsay, has filed with Gerald A. Brown, regional director of the Labor Relations board in an Francisco.

Packing house representatives charge that CIO union representatives deliberately interfered with the conduct of the LoBue Brothers and Sunland Packing company elections by two means: 1. At the time of the elections and immediately prior thereto union representatives allegedly told workers that the workers would lose their jobs unless they joined with the union before the election, and 2.

At the time of the election and immediately prior thereto, the union representatives passed out blank membership cards signed by a union representative with the promise that the recipient would receive a membership free of initiation fee after election and certification of the house. Some cards, it is alleged, offered membership for \$6, and union representatives, it is stated, said there were only a limited number of cards to put out and that it would cost \$25 later if the workers did join at that time.

In the election at the Porterville Citrus association, AFL representatives allegedly told workers that they would lose their jobs if they didn't join the union.

In elections held about two

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STRATHMORE CHAMBER COMMITTEES ANNOUNCED FOR JANUARY 12 BANQUET

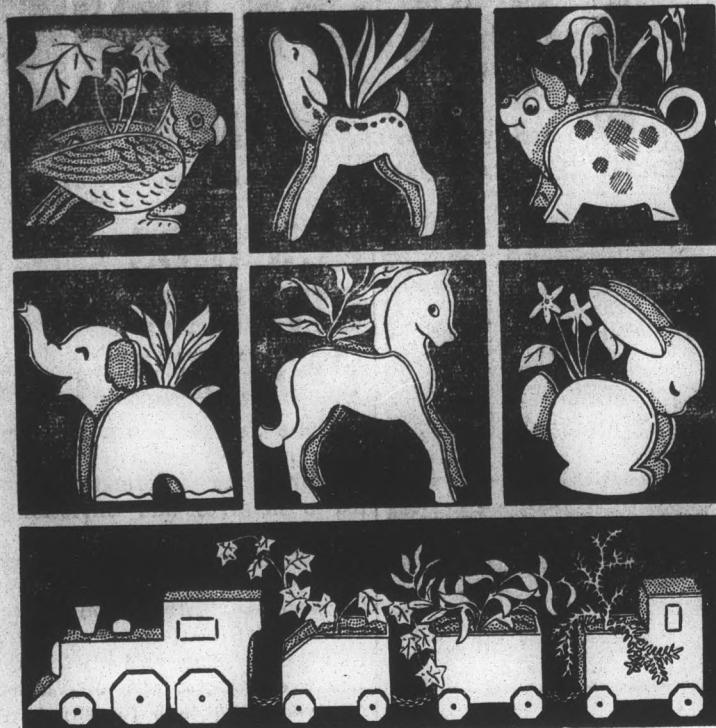
Committee for the annual banquet of the Strathmore chamber of commerce, to be held in the Strathmore Veterans' building January 12, were announced this week by Chamber Secretary Dorsey Parker, also committee that will work during the coming year.

Strathmore Garden club members will be in charge of table decorations for the banquet; 4-H Club girls will serve; Jim Wilson will be in charge of the program and George Cole will be in charge of preparation for a turkey dinner.

Other committee heads who have

been appointed include: Membership, Dorsey Parker; county fair display, Louis Morton; new business, Jack Diseman; annual homecoming, Charles Solomon; civic improvements, Ted Iles and advisory, Smith Macomber.

Officers who will be installed at the January dinner are: E. S. Thompson, president; Jim Wilson, vice president; Dorsey Parker, secretary; Ted Iles, Smith McComber and Charles Solomon, new board members, and Louis Morton and Jack Diseman, hold-over board members.



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Old House

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and it was moved to Putnam and Villa when Mr. King decided to build the stone block house on Olive street.

And there the house has stood for almost half a century.

The hardy little house saw a couple of close calls in its time, though, according to Marvin Putnam.

Twice since it was moved fires broke out, but in both instances the fire was put out before it reached an old tin can stored in the attic. And it's a good thing too — for in that square tin can in the attic were about 20 dynamite caps, forgotten about for years, which finally were discovered when the house was recently razed.

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1,174 DEER KILLED IN TULARE COUNTY

Hunters in Tulare county killed 1,174 deer during the 1953 season, compared to 1,087 in 1952, according to figures released by the California department of fish and game.

Throughout the state, hunters took 58,992 bucks, a figure 16 per cent above 1952 but nine per cent under the all-time high of 64,619 in 1951.

An estimated 370,000 hunters bought deer tags for the season; 1,000 bow and arrow hunters were in the field, taking 93 bucks. Forty-five of the state's 57 deer-producing counties recorded a greater kill than in the preceding year.

DUCOR 4-H CLUB TO PLANT OATS AS PROJECT

Planting of oats on lots around Ducor has been chosen as a

money-raising project for the Ducor 4-H club. The project was voted on at a December meeting of club members, at which a Christmas party was also held.

Bob Zimmerman and Fred Lawrence reported on the recent Great Western Livestock show, stating that Fred Lawrence won first; Bill Cushing, fourth; Betty Muller, sixth and Bob Zimmerman seventh, with their livestock entries and that Lawrence took fifth, Miss Muller seventh and Zimmerman ninth in showmanship.

Zimmerman also reported on a recent sectional 4-H meeting held in Porterville. Don Hunsaker, club president, presided.

PERMANENT SOIL STERILANTS PROVE IDEAL CONTROL FOR WEEDS

By Vincent H. Scheweers
Farm Advisor

Weed control with soil sterilants is an ideal way to control weeds in non-cultivated areas. One treatment with the permanent type materials will give results for at least one year.

Good results are dependent on the amount of sterilant used per given area, the uniformity of application, and the moisture needed to carry the material into the root zone of the plants.

The sterilants should be applied as soon as possible; any material to be used should be applied before February 1. Usually we do not get enough rain after February 1 to carry the sterilant into the root zone. On one test plot that was applied last Janu-

ary 12 and January 17, the material applied on the earlier date turned out good results but those applied later showed very poor results. The only difference was that there was about 1 1/2 inches of rain between the two dates and very little rain after January 17.

The containers will give the rate of application for the material you buy. Don't be too saving on material, this is once when a little extra should give longer and better results.

Temporary types of soil sterilants such as sodium TCA can be used on agricultural lands now, providing the soil need not be worked for the next crop for at least six weeks. The soil should be worked before the TCA is applied.

WINTER WHEAT ACREAGE ESTIMATED 18 PER CENT BELOW LAST SEASON

Winter wheat growers appear to have responded to the acreage allotment program by seeding only about four acres of winter wheat for every five acres seeded last year. Total seedings of winter wheat for all purposes in the fall of 1953 are estimated at 46,575,000 acres, 18 percent or 10.3 million acres less than was seeded a year earlier.

This is the smallest acreage of winter wheat seeded since 1943 and nine percent less than the 10-year average seedings. The estimate of seeded acreage includes more than a million acres seeded in excess of allotments in designated drought areas for use as a pasture and cover crop.

A 1954 winter wheat crop of 750 million bushels is indicated, based on conditions as of December 1, and other factors. A crop of this size would be six percent less than 1942-51 average production, and about one-sixth smaller than the 1953 crop of 878 million bushels.

As in the fall of 1952, summer and early fall precipitation in large sections of the country were below normal. However, October

rainfall, even though below normal in nearly all sections of the country, was well above that in October 1952 when precipitation was the lowest on record for the United States.

While present prospects for the 1954 winter wheat crop are more favorable than a year ago, weather conditions between December 1 and the harvest time exert considerable influence on the final outturn of the crop. The current forecast of production assumes normal weather conditions for the remainder of the crop season.

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By BILL RODGERS

THE MOST remarkable contortion act in show business — Frank hanging from an air wave, extending his right arm far over his left shoulder and patting and patting and patting . . . Or should the word be distortion?

OUR CONGRATULATIONS go to the board of directors of the Porterville Memorial district for the decision to invest district funds in U. S. Treasury bonds, thereby acquiring a nice little chunk of extra money for the district. If someone had thought of that angle several years ago, the district would be a good many thousand dollars better off.

SPORTS NOTE — Bill Toole, Oregon State university junior who is playing regular guard on the Oregon State basketball team, and who scored 14 points the other night when Oregon beat top-rated Indiana, is a nephew of Lefty Toole, Porterville high school faculty member . . . Some of the boys in the know are picking Oregon State as the national champs this season.

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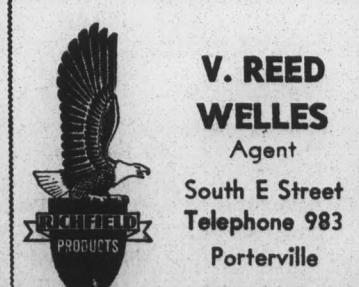
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DEER FEEDING AREA SURVEY TRIP WILL BE MADE INTO BACK COUNTRY BY SPORTSMEN EARLY IN JANUARY

A survey of conditions in winter feeding areas of deer along the Kern river will be made next week, according to John Keck, president of the Southern Tulare County Sportsmen's association.

The party of 12, composed of fish and game division officials, sportsmen and forest service men, plans to start on a three-day horseback trek January 7.

Those making the trip will include: Supervisor Eldon Ball, Staff Officer Cooper Smith and

Ranger Ken Fox of Sequoia National forest; Dave Selleck and Bill Stewart of the division of fish and game; and Gene Dinkins, L. E. Eddy, Bob Marshall, Earl Gray, Art Griswold, Uly Priftike and Keck of the sportsmen's association.

A census of animals in the area also is to be taken by this party, which will take to horse at Brush creek on Kern river below Johnsondale. Kern Flats has been named as the northern goal of the group, which will swing over to inspect the area around Flat Iron and Dry Meadow.

Mr. Keck said that information gathered will be used in determining deer hunting policies.

Indications are that California fruit and nut crops in 1953 amounted to four per cent less tonnage than the previous year, but showed only a two per cent decline in value to growers.

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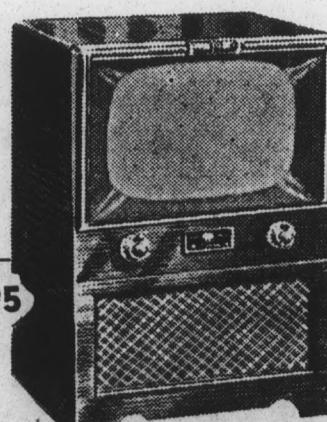
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Farm Bureau Petition Protests Cotton Acreage Allotment Method

A petition protesting method of cotton acreage allotment and recommending that maximum cut for an individual grower be limited to 40 per cent of his average cotton acreage for the years 1951, 1952 and 1953 is being circulated among cotton growers of Tulare county.

The petition was drafted by the Cotton Commodity department of the Tulare County Farm Bureau and copies, with signatures, will be sent to California congressmen and senators in Washington. The petition states:

We are alarmed over injustices to thousands of cotton farmers throughout the cotton belt brought about by the present method of making farm allotments. Proposals thus far noted offer only token relief. We offer the following for consideration:

The pattern of cotton production here in Tulare county follows:

(a) In 1952 12% of the farmers grew 10 bales or less, 87% grew 100 bales or less, 96% grew 150 bales or less, 3% produced from 151 to 1000 bales, 1% produced over 1000 bales.

(b) There are about 425,000 acres of tilled land or about 4,000 farms eligible for a cotton allotment or an average of about 106 tilled acres per farm.

(c) The cotton factor is 26.44 percent which means that cotton allotments are limited to 26 percent of the tilled acreage.

The tilled acreage method of making farm allotments forces regular cotton farmers to assume practically all of the production adjustment needed for cotton. Many farmers will make no or only a small adjustment in cotton production while others will be cut 74 percent. The county gross cash income from farming in 1952 was about 252 million dollars including 59 million dollars for cotton. This means that farming is very diversified with many farmers deriving a major portion of their income from sources other than cotton. We do not believe that the income of regular cotton farmers should be so drastically affected while leaving the diversified farmer with only a small or no adjustment.

Extremely favorable prices for cotton in 1950 attracted many speculators to go into cotton in later years and encouraged considerable shifts from other farm crops and livestock enterprises to cotton. This increase works a hardship on regular cotton farmers who have contributed most heavily to state and county allotments which are based on 1947, 1948, 1950, 1951 and 1952 production and acreage.

Any system of farm allocations is grossly unfair which forces regular cotton farmers, in an area as small as a county or state, to bear the brunt of production adjustment for these speculators and for shifts brought about by wartime conditions of distorted prices.

The tilled acreage method of determining farm allotments will result in many regular cotton farmers being displaced. Tilled acreage normally unsuited to cotton will be added to farms in order to increase the cotton allotment. The method of determining cotton allotments should encourage economic farming for average cotton farmers and should definitely discourage the trend toward larger farms.

In conclusion we believe the following will result in an effective control program with allotments for farms as fair and reasonable as present conditions permit:

A. No farmer should be required to make more than a 40% adjustment from his average 1951, 1952 and 1953 cotton acreage, irrespective of National, State or County allotments or tilled acreage on the farm.

B. If the increased planting resulting from the above does not result in a desirable national production, the State and County allotments should be increased as presently provided by law to make up for the deficiency.

The above proposals treat individual growers alike regardless of the farming area they live in. This plan is simple and direct and will permit thousands of farmers throughout the cotton belt to make definite plans for farming immediately.

A. L. Hudsons Buy Sequoia Motel

The Sequoia Motel in Porterville now is under owner-management for the first time since its construction, according to A. L. Hudson, new owner.

Mr. and Mrs. Hudson, who formerly were in the motel business in Seattle, Wash., took over the Sequoia December 15. The 30-unit motel is now being refurnished and redecorated.

DANCING CLUB BEING ORGANIZED IN SPRINGVILLE

The Springville Dancing club is now being organized, with weekly instruction in all forms of social dancing. During this organizational period, the club is open to the public. All interested couples are requested to contact Mrs. Marcia Clark at 52-F-3 Springville; when the club quota of 25 couples is reached, the membership roster will be closed for a period of 60 days.

The weekly meetings, consisting of both dancing and instruction, will be held in the new Veterans' Memorial hall in Springville. The first meeting will start at 8:30 p.m., Wednesday, January 6th. Subsequent starting times and dates will be decided upon at that time. The club will be operated on a non-profit basis.

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By Phil The Forester



Ducks and geese have finally moved in to the San Joaquin Valley in sufficient numbers to give hunters reasonable expectations of bagging a limit. But even if hunting continues good until the season ends on January 10, the net result for the 64 days of legal waterfowling in California is going to be referred to as poor, poor indeed.

Game wardens are finally making arrests for over limits, about the first of the season we have heard of to any extent. Apparently some hunters are not aware of the fact the special jacksnipe season closed December 22 as inquiries are still being received for more information about the snipe.

Black sea brant will be legal game until February 10 with a bag and possession limit of three birds with shooting time the same as for ducks.

Wild pigeons go off the game list the end of the year with an abundance of birds in the valley throughout the season but comparatively few taken by hunters. Game wardens say the birds always put in appearances at places the shooters just left.

A banner quail season comes to a close with the last day of the year with plenty of birds harvested but more than enough left for seed. The way the quail have come back throughout the state is really amazing and a delight to hunting dog owners. We'll take in the last of the season over in San Luis Obispo county.

While cottontail and brush rabbits will be dropped from the game list on December 31, these animals can actually be taken at any time on private land by land owners or others with permission of the land owners.

For big game hunters, black bear season will continue in the inland deer hunting district until January 15.

California Wildlife Federation representing practically every rod and gun club in the state will hold a two day session in Fresno on January 2 and 3 to coordinate their fishing and hunting regulations for next year for unified presentation to the fish and game commission on January 8. We hear of no radical changes to be recommended except perhaps a later inland deer season. Of local interest will be a proposal that trout taken incidental to warm water fishing in Lake Millerton be allowed as legal game regardless of the regular trout season.

The department of fish and game has a budget for the year ending June 30, 1955 to present to the forthcoming session of the legislature of \$8,168,236 which is about a million over anticipated revenue.

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OLD DAYS

September 30, 1881

Porterville had no newspaper in 1881, but a Porterville column, and a column from other communities of the county, appeared in The Weekly Visalia Delta, which at that time was a nine-column paper, published in Hanford. Porterville correspondent for the paper had this to say:

We are having beautiful weather at present, and everyone ought to be well enough to enjoy it after the long summer heat; but unfortunately, many citizens are prostrated with malarial fever. J. P. Field is very sick and on Saturday, was so delerious that it required the combined efforts of five of his gentlemen friends to induce him to swallow his allowance of colomel. He is somewhat better and Dr. Alford thinks he will do better with good care. Mr. L. Anderson is also very sick. He was taken with fever while at work on the bridge across Tule river, but as he is fortunate enough to have the care of a devoted wife, it is thought he will soon recover. The saddest case of sickness of the many in this place

during the unusually sickly season was that of Mumford S. Merrill, who was discovered last Saturday by the little son of P. P. Davis, lying sick and alone in the unoccupied house of R. P. Merrill, without bedding, or any of the necessities of life, or anyone to give him a drink of water. As soon as it became known, the citizens made up a purse of \$10 and hired Mr. Bowen to take him to the County Hospital, Sunday. Monday, the 26th, was observed by the closing of all business houses from 10 until 2 o'clock, emblems of mourning being still displayed. The private residences of R. P. Putnam and J. B. Hockett were also draped. The only person holding a position under the government, the postmaster at this place, failed to drape his building, much to the regret of the people. . . . The new material for re-flooring the bridge between Plano and this place is being rapidly hauled and already a considerable portion is re-floored. It looks and is a substantial job, and will be a great improvement over the last contract, where it only

reached a short distance in the center. . . . The public schools open next month with Mr. Wheeler as teacher. There is no assistant hired as yet. . . . The Porterville Flouring Mills have been thoroughly overhauled and new machinery added. Grists weighed in and weighed out.

NEEDED, MAIL ROUTE. Efforts are being made to establish a much-needed mail route in Tulare county with postoffices at Frasier Valley, Pleasant Valley and Mountain View. Several hundred names, representing many of the persons who would be accommodated, have already been secured to a petition. The nearest post office of this great district is Porterville, and those living nearest to that point are 10 miles distant. This route should by all means be established. It would be as follows: From Visalia to Yokohl, thence across Blue Ridge to Mountain View, thence down the other side to Pleasant Valley, and thence to Frasier Valley. The road from the latter point intersects the Porterville road to Visalia at Eighteen Mile House. This route is rendered the more practical by the existence of a public county road the entire distance. There should be at least two mails a week. It should be borne in mind that the country affected is being rapidly settled up and that it is one of the best sections of this great valley.

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December 29, 1949

Farm Bureau Livestock Market

VISALIA, Dec. 23 — Cattle: Several shipments of good fed steers and yearlings sold at \$20.00 to \$21.00, including one load at \$20.90, a few utility and commercial grades selling at \$14.00 to \$19.00. Sales on good slaughter heifers ranged from \$17.00 to \$19.00, one load of mostly choice 640 pound heifers topping at \$20.10, other utility and commercial heifers securing \$13.00 to \$17.00, a few cutters down to \$10.00. Most utility and commercial cows bulked at \$11.60 to \$14.00, a sprinkling of young commercial cows as high as \$15.00, while canners and cutters sold at \$8.50 to \$11.00, shelly canners down to \$6.50. A few head of utility and commercial bulls cleared at \$13.00 to \$15.20. Good and choice stocker and feeder

A strong citrus market is reported following the Christmas holiday, with demand good and with prices on the upgrade.

Ira Anthony has been reelected master of the Poplar Grange.

About 400 persons, mostly children, gathered at the Springville Community hall last Thursday evening to enjoy a Christmas party sponsored by the Springville Lions club, the Springville chamber of commerce and the Springville Grange.

steers and yearlings cashed at \$17.00 to \$19.70, including a short load around 600 pounds at the latter price, common and medium grades selling at \$12.00 to \$17.00. A sprinkling of medium to good stock heifers sold at \$12.00 to \$14.10, and a few common and medium stock cows with calves at side at \$109.00 to \$125.00 per pair.

Calves: Utility and commercial weavers cashed at \$12.00 to \$16.00 and individual choice to \$25.00. Good and choice slaughter calves sold at \$16.50 to \$20.00, a few choice to \$21.50, utility and commercial at \$12.50 to \$16.00. Good and choice stocker steer calves ranged from \$16.50 to \$19.20, common and medium stocker calves from \$11.00 to \$16.00.

At the Visalia Farm Bureau Hog Auction, December 21st, the supply was reported at 128 head, butchers well outnumbering other classes. Trading was fairly active, butchers selling at strong to 75 cents higher prices than last week, other classes at fully steady prices. Choice 1-2 butchers 180 to 230 pounds cleared at \$24.80 to \$26.15, also a few 260 to 300 pounds at \$22.00 to \$24.00. Choice 300 to 500 pound sows sold at \$18.80 to \$19.90, a few 640 pound sows at \$18.00.

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Notice is hereby given, that Joseph Turner, residing at 432 South Kessing, Porterville, California, intends to sell and transfer to John T. Parker, residing at 312 East Date St., Porterville, California, that certain business located at 125 North Main St., Porterville, California, known as and called "Holt's Confectionery" together with the goods, wares and merchandise, furniture, fixtures, leases and equipment thereto belonging or in any wise appertaining; and that said John T. Parker intends to encumber said goods, wares and merchandise by a chattel mortgage to Joseph Turner. That said transfer and encumbrance will be made at the office of Burford and Hubler in the Bank of America Building, Porterville, California, on Thursday, December 31, 1953, at the hour of 10 o'clock A.M. of said day. Consideration or price will be paid at the time and place of transfer.

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On this 16th day of December, 1953, before me, Gaylord N. Hubler, a notary public in and for said county and state, personally appeared Joseph Turner, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument and acknowledged to me that he executed the same.

WITNESS my hand and official seal.
GAYLORD N. HUBLER
Notary Public in and for said
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(SEAL)

Agriculture

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acts; that industry usually operates on a cost plus 10 per cent basis with the government; that the farmer, who must compete in this business world that has its own supports of one kind and another, must also have some guarantee of price.

He said that most types of agriculture get support in some form; he cited the citrus industry as an example, saying that while the citrus people have operated without a parity program, they have received government aid in the form of purchase of citrus products that went into the national school lunch program.

Mr. Robertson said that farmers are doing a lot to help themselves through formation of cooperatives, through marketing agreements and through acceptance of acreage allotments.

He said the farm program is not as expensive as many other government programs, cost to date being less than three billion dollars, while six billion dollars in tax money was spent in the conversion of industry to civilian operation after World War II.

Farm surpluses are again building up, Mr. Robertson said. The farm program, he pointed out, has been in trouble before but always a war or the weather has "bailed it out."

"This is not a sound policy," he said.

He also posed the question of, "when does a surplus become a strategic reserve?" He said that without the surplus that existed before Pearl Harbor, "we would have been in bad shape."

Since the farmer is a producer, consumer and laborer all in one, Mr. Robertson said there has been a question of who will speak for the farmer — labor, industry, the government or the farmers themselves.

Three major farm organizations have developed since World War I, he said, the National Farmers Union with 300,000 members; the National Grange with 500,000 members and the National Farm Bureau Federation with 1,500,000 members.

He said that in the last few years the Farmers Union has become associated with the CIO and now represents the labor viewpoint. The Brannon plan, he said came from this group, while the "Family Farm Policy Review" represented an attempt by the department of agriculture to take the initiative away from the farmer and place the farmers' affairs under Washington bureaus.

In both major political parties, he said, there are those who believe that because food and fiber are basic to the nation's life, government should completely control the farmer.

Mr. Robertson said that American agriculture represents the last free agriculture in the world, and that the real farmer wants to keep it that way.

What a "vocal minority" can accomplish in "speaking for the farmer" was cited by Mr. Robertson in the recent march on Washington by members of the Farmers' Union, demanding a price support program for cattle. The march made headlines, yet only a few hundred persons participated, while cattlemen, speaking through their organizations throughout the nation, strongly opposed price supports.

The national farm program now operates under the 1949 law, Mr. Robertson said, with provision for flexible price supports. The law was amended, however, until the end of 1954, to make 90 per cent parity mandatory in the six basic crops — wheat, cotton, corn, tobacco, rice and soybeans.

One important question now is whether the mandatory 90 per cent parity should be continued, or whether the program should go back to flexible supports, through which the support price drops as surpluses build up.

"Parity," Mr. Robertson explained, "is basically the ratio of a farmer's income to what he has to buy." He then added that the only crop that is now at parity is lemons.

In commenting on loss of world agricultural markets, the speaker said that 90 per cent parity has priced American products out of the world markets, that some farm prices will have to come down a little in order to get farm products into a competitive position and back into the world markets.

Concerning the Commodity Credit Corporation, organization through which the price support programs are handled, Mr. Robertson said that the organization has six and three quarters million dollars to work with, an amount that is practically all tied up now in commodity loans. Question now is whether to hold at this figure, or increase it.

Another important question facing farmers, he said, is what to do with diverted acres, for instance the 500,000 or so acres in California that will be taken out of cotton. If other crops are planted, surpluses are apt to develop, and markets ruined.

One suggested idea — an idea that he said some look upon as radical — is government control of diverted acreage, with this acreage planted to soil-building crops and the farmer paid by the government to meet expenses.

Farmers have been asked by the U. S. department of agriculture, to write their own program, Mr. Robertson said, and meetings have been called throughout the United States to formulate ideas.

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'53 Happenings

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 ville State hospital . . . Pilots from throughout California, as well as from eastern states, gathered for annual Moonlight Flight staged by Porterville Area Pilots association . . . Sunnyside School District Superintendent Robert Serbian announced a 10-cent tax cut in his school district . . . Ray and Louise Hutchinson established a Hereford beef project for benefit of Porterville Future Farmers . . . Quake-damaged Porterville high school building will be demolished in accord with decision reached by school board members.

JULY

Plans were announced to construct temporary classroom buildings to house Porterville high school students . . . Voters turned down a proposal to increase Porterville Elementary School district taxes 50 cents to finance a future building program . . . Minimum of control with maximum of freedom is basic policy of U. S. department of agriculture, Secretary of Agriculture Ezra Taft Benson told farmers in a Fresno meeting.

AUGUST

One thousand acre control burn conducted on William Hart ranch north of Springville . . . Twelve beaver dropped from airplane in high mountains to start natural dam building on small streams . . . Wheat growers favored quotas and subsidies in referendum vote.

SEPTEMBER

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and his dancing horse, Diane, were featured in annual Santa Barbara Fiesta parade . . . New pre-cooler and storage plant goes into operation at Elmco . . . Cotton picking was started in area . . . E. R. Adams and Son, olive processing firm, consolidated with Sunland company and Terra Bella Olive association and moved operations to the Terra Bella plant . . . Bob Fiser, Ducor 4-H club, showed the champion steer at the Tulare county fair . . . Navel orange growers vote return of marketing program.

OCTOBER

Fran Wilcox, assistant general manager of Sunkist Growers, was the speaker at the annual Tulare County Fruit Exchange banquet in Porterville . . . Historical marker was placed at the old Tule River stage station on north edge of Porterville . . . Site for new Porterville college approved on Jay G. Brown property east of Highway 65, south of Tule river . . . Four mountain lions were killed by Mr. and Mrs. Carl Walters on their ranch above Springville.

NOVEMBER

Veteran building was dedicated at Springville . . . Thirty-fifth annual Veteran Homecoming celebration held November 11 in Porterville . . . First navel oranges of season were picked . . . Porterville College Alumni association was formed at second annual college reunion with Al Browning as first chairman . . . House Agricultural committee held a hearing in Porterville . . . John R. Quinn, past national commander of the American Legion, spoke at a past commanders night at Porterville Post 20, The American Legion . . . Harry J. Johnson was elected president of the Porterville chamber of commerce.

DECEMBER

Porterville chamber of commerce started concerted drive for funds for a community swimming pool . . . F. N. Rumley bought the McComber ranch at Springville . . . Pacific Telephone and Telegraph completed \$100,000 construction job to bring better service to 70 square mile area west of Porterville . . . John Dennis Memorial wing of Exeter hospital was dedicated; funds to furnish wing were raised by Tulare County 4-H Clubs . . . San Joaquin Valley Hereford association sale, back in its original home in Porterville, pronounced a success . . . Farmers favored cotton quotas and parity price program in referendum vote . . . Gerald Vossler was installed as president of the Porterville chapter of the California Young Farmers.

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A MOTTO FOR THE NEW YEAR

Another year has gone into eternity. We are past the half century mark. Most of us will not live to see the end of this century. Shall we look backward on "the good old days" with sorrow or shall we look forward? God commanded Moses to "Speak upon the Children of Israel, that they go forward." The best is yet to be. A little boy fell out of bed. When he was asked for an explanation his reply was truthful and simple — "cause I stopped too near where I got in." This accounts for many failures in Christian living, we stop too near where we started.

Let us resolve to go forward this coming year in our prayer life, in Bible study, church attendance, Christian service and stewardship, personal Christian witnessing and spiritual preparation and advancement. Paul says, "This one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus." Phil. 3: 13-14. Paul didn't believe in carrying the burdens of a lifetime. We must let go of a day at its end otherwise we have no energy left for tomorrow. We should refuse to let the past jeopardize our future. Paul decided "This one thing I do." The sun will burn through a magnifying glass when it is focused on one thing. Successful Christians must bring their energies and ambitions to a focal point. The rain falls gently, it is channeled through pipes then focused through a nozzle onto a mountain side and the mountain is literally moved with hydraulic power.

Paul knew which things to discard and retain. He would keep his loyalty to God, his allegiance to things most important and his absolute concentration to truth and duty. Neither did he close his memory to all he had experienced. We must remember our obligation to our friends, our parents, to God and the church.

Paul isn't suggesting that we forget sins that are not repented of, wrongs not made right, apologies that should be made, wounds that could be healed. We must not forget the hands that reached out to help us, those encouraging words spoken when they were needed most and understanding hearts that sought to help us. We are not to forget God's mercies in the past during the crisis hour. His protection in time of danger nor his love when we were unlovable.

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C. A. Heffernan was reelected secretary-treasurer of the association; Neil R. Young was named assistant secretary and F. S. Rauherm assistant treasurer.

Members of the cooperative's board of directors in addition to Mr. Sisson and Mr. Fulton are: Ray Leckband of Terra Bella, G. L. Starr of Shafter, Raymond E. Nielson of Selma, Robert B. Parker of Fresno, H. W. Sarah of Chowchilla, J. A. Briner of Hanford and A. B. Tieck of Bakersfield.

BISHOP TIPPETT WILL SPEAK AT COUNTY Y MEETING

Bishop Donald H. Tippett, of the San Francisco area of the Methodist church, will appear as guest speaker at the annual meet-

tion. Throw away that bitter attack and accusation. Don't treasure it and file it away for future reference. Has someone cheated you? Forgive him. If he wronged you do him a favor. Forget before money hardens into hate, lest you become bitter and attempt vengeance. We should forget the blunders and mistakes of the past year. Life is too short and valuable to be ruined.

ing of the Tulare county Y.M.C.A. board, January 27, in Visalia.

Election of officers and board members for the year will top the list of business for the meeting. Also on the agenda is a resume of the activities of the "Y" during the past year, and discussion of plans for 1954.

Tickets may be obtained by writing or calling the Tulare County Y.M.C.A. office, 608 W. Main street, Visalia.

Investigation

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 weeks ago, workers at Sunland voted to affiliate with the CIO Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Workers union; workers at Porterville Citrus association voted to affiliate with the AFL Teamsters Union.

Five citrus packing houses in the district voted for no union representation; at two other houses a "run-off" election will be held some time in the future.

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